

OHIO BOARD OF REGENTS

Agenda Item 3.2 Consideration of the combination of the University of Toledo and the Medical University of Ohio and the establishment of an institution of higher education in Ohio

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Ohio Board of Regents has been an advocate for the efficient and effective delivery of quality higher education services in Ohio, and

WHEREAS, the Ohio Board of Regents has long advocated for significantly increased collaboration among Ohio's higher educational institutions, and

WHEREAS, the Ohio Board of Regents is required to approve the establishment of institutions of higher education, and

WHEREAS, the Governor's Commission on Higher Education and the Economy recommended collaborative efforts to increase the efficiency and productivity of Ohio's higher educational institutions, and

WHEREAS, the combination of the University of Toledo and the Medical University of Ohio is an excellent example of the collaboration envisioned by the Ohio Board of Regents and the Governor's Commission on Higher Education and the Economy, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees for the Medical University of Ohio and the Board of Trustees for the University of Toledo have unanimously passed resolutions in favor of this combination, and

WHEREAS, the missions of the University of Toledo and the Medical University of Ohio are compatible and complementary, and

WHEREAS, both institutions desire to best serve the interests of the citizens of Toledo and Northwest Ohio, and

WHEREAS, these two institutions combined will become a stronger force in higher education in Ohio with an increased ability to recruit and serve students, recruit and retain talented faculty and staff, attract research dollars, and reduce and eliminate unnecessary duplication in costs and services, and

WHEREAS, the Faculty Senate of the Medical University of Ohio and the Faculty Senate of the University of Toledo have passed resolutions in support of the combination, and

WHEREAS, the Medical University of Ohio and the University of Toledo have presented the Ohio Board of Regents with a memorandum of understanding signed by both Presidents which sets forth the framework and certain of the proposed terms of the combination and this document has been approved by the legal counsels for each university, and

WHEREAS, President Lloyd Jacobs of the Medical University of Ohio and President Dan Johnson of the University of Toledo have shown themselves to be visionary, dynamic and dedicated leaders, and

WHEREAS, both Presidents strongly recommend the combination and pledge to see it to completion;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED pursuant to Revised Code §3333.04 (D), the Ohio Board of Regents approves the combination of the University of Toledo and the Medical College of Ohio as set forth in such memorandum of understanding and the establishment of a combined institution of higher education serving Toledo and Northwest Ohio, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Ohio Board of Regents applauds the collaboration and cooperation of the University of Toledo and the Medical University of Ohio, in particular the Boards of Trustees, the Presidents and their staff, who have diligently and successfully pursued this combination, and the faculty, whose support and wisdom can help to create a robust and successful combined institution for Northwest Ohio, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Ohio Board of Regents formally requests the Ohio General Assembly to enact legislation to enable the combination to take effect as soon as possible, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Ohio Board of Regents directs its staff to assist with the combination including but not limited to advocating on behalf of the combination to the Ohio General Assembly.